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Perfect Stamp Crime Goes Wrong

Rocco L. Ferraro, of Philadelphia, Indicted Through A. S. D. A. Persistency; Toaspern, Bartels and Seely Do Fine Work

The most carefully planned stamp crime of the twentieth century has gone wrong. But for a time the ingenuity of the schemer seemed to have conquered. At every step the traces seemed to have covered over so nicely that detection was impossible. In fact, were it not for an even greater ingenuity on the part of the two A. S. D. A. members, the scheme would have worked.

To make a short story of a long one—one Robert C. Bure, passing on his letterheads as an advertising specialist, hailing from Camden, N. J., obtained nearly $10,000 worth of stamps from fifteen or more stamp dealers. For two or three months he had established his credit and then he planned his scoop, vanishing from sight and leaving no clues at his place of alleged business and operation.

From the class of merchandise that was obtained, it was at least apparent that Robert C. Bure was an operator who knew his stamps. A green-horn would not have made the careful selection that Mr. Bure made.

J. M. Bartels Visits the Scene

When it was apparent that the scheme was one to use the mails to defraud, Mr. J. M. Bartels, although his loss was not great, volunteered to go to the scene of the activities; accompanied with a detective from the Camden police department, he spent several days checking every clue—but to no avail. In fact (as was later learned) he had even taken the precaution to throw the typewriter he had used in the river; for Mr. Bure had read detective stories. He knew, that after certain usage, even typewriter keys have individuality.

Then followed further careful grooming of additional clues by paid detectives—but always the same answer—Robert C. Bure had made his get-away.

The bulletins of Mr. Rotnem's office asked the membership of the A. S. D. A. to carefully inspect any transaction of Robert C. Bure for any possible clues. But it looked like a perfect stamp crime.

L. J. Seely Plays Detective

Then, like a true Sherlock Holmes story, a clever stamp dealer found the clue which undid the schemer.

It was a stamp hinge that gave away Rocco L. Ferraro, alias Robert C. Bure.

That stamp hinge was attached to a stamp which Robert C. Bure had returned for credit in the sum of $17.50 because it had a small, tiny, closed tear. This was a stamp purchased several months ago when Bure was planning his scoop. On the stamp hinge were four harmless looking initials, "R-I-B-N".

The figures "R-I-B-N" were evidently a portion of the cost code used by Robert C. Bure. He had placed them on the stamp hinge when he intended to buy the stamp. But he had not erased the cost mark when he returned the stamp.

This challenge was enough for L. J. Seely of J. O. Moore, Inc., who had sold the stamp. Mr. Seely, evidently himself no mean student of A. Conan Doyle and Edgar Allen Poe, took out his copy of the Gold Bug and started to solve the mystery.

And so Mr. Seely burned the midnight oil to decipher the code. He got it. The word was "REPUBLICAN" standing for the figures 6, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0. "R-I-B-N" was $17.50.

Mr. Rotnem's office promptly received the new clue. Within an hour the clue was passed on to the A. S. D. A. membership.

Herman Toaspern Solves the Mystery

And Herman Toaspern was the Broadway hero, as usual. Within the day Whitehall 3246 received an important phone call:

"Hello, Vic, I got it."

"Got what?"

"The Bure Mystery."

"Yeah?"

"Yeah! Rocco L. Ferraro left the same cost code on a couple he sold me in March. I got 'em here."

That ended the perfect stamp crime. Joseph J. Hoffman was immediately retained as a special investigator, and through splendid co-operation of the United States Post Office, had the written confession of Rocco L. Ferraro of Philadelphia, within twenty hours after reaching Philadelphia.

And to Hoffman's credit, he didn't have to disclose the cost code. He did it without it. The Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment against Mr. Ferraro in Newark, N. J., a few days ago.

The case will come up for trial in the fall.

The solution of this stamp mystery is a very good illustration of the need of the American Stamp Dealers' Association. We applaud the efforts of Messrs. Bartels, Toaspern, Seely and Hoffman.

They participated in the most interesting Stamp Mystery we have yet heard of.

The World in Review

A FORECAST AND A RECORD

Swift to Report* ——→ *Straight to Record

Timely, authentic and complete information on new issues, unlisted varieties, projected philatelic events, etc., is the aim of this department. We will deeply appreciate all contributions of this nature from our readers, and full credit will be given in each case. All contributions should if possible be accompanied by specimens of the stamps concerned, which will be returned promptly.

Edited by - - - - RALPH A. KIMBLE

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WISCONSIN

No, don't get heart failure, no more state controls are contemplated. This is just to explain that this week's New Issues and next week's will have been written up under somewhat adverse conditions. The Ed. is with his regiment, the 497th Field Artillery, for two weeks at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and these chronicles are written on his faithful portable typewriter in the flickering shadows of an army tent perched out among the sand hills. Correspondents whose letters have not been answered will kindly take note and possess their souls with patience. All will be attended to as soon as possible.

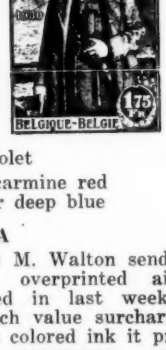
In this connection we wish to express our amazement and deep appreciation at the magnificent support we have been afforded in the five weeks since we assumed this pleasant but arduous task. More than ever are we convinced that our hobby instills in its devotees more of the Golden Rule way of acting than would years of teaching. Each day brings letters from correspondents in all parts of the world, helpful, courteous and kindly. We thank you, and again say that this department, probably the most complete in the world by now, is due to you many friends who are making it possible.

AUSTRIA

Mr. A. Wagner reports in Mekeel's that a special commemorative charity stamp will be issued October 10th to mark the tenth anniversary of the Carinthian plebiscite.

BELGIUM

We have received from Mr. Elmer F. Smith and the Economist Stamp Co. sets of the new Centenary commemorative issue. They are marvelous examples of the engravers art. Three values complete the set:



60c violet
1 fr. carmine red
1.75 fr deep blue

BOLIVIA

Elliott M. Walton sends us the Bolivian overprinted air mails chronicled in last week's issue. With each value surcharged in a different colored ink it presents a striking appearance, and since there were only 1300 of the 1 bol. issued the complete set will be hard to secure. We can not say that we favor these trick issues

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A10/12. 4a-8a, 42c; A11. 1R ..... .55
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with one value short. That idea has been much overdone lately.

COSTA RICA

Whitfield King & Co. report the following newsy letter on philatelic events in this country: "The 1 colon official stamp of 1926 (No. 483) has been overprinted for use on air mail, 8c, 20c, 40c and 1 colon. Our agent informs us that only 12,000 complete sets were issued. A further provisional issue has been made by overprinting telegraph stamps and postage stamps as follows: on postage stamp of 1926 issue, 10c carmine overprinted "Correo Aereo" only; on telegraph stamps overprinted "Correo Aereo", 20c on 50c blue, 40c on 50c blue, and the 1 colon orange with no change of value. Of this issue much larger quantities were overprinted, 200,000 of the 1 colon and larger numbers of the other values so there should be enough for everyone.

The 1c postage (No. 117) has been issued in smaller size; same design except for being dated 1929. We also understand that a new 13c denomination will be issued shortly in the permanent type of the ordinary postage stamps.

DENMARK

Mr. A. Wagner tells Mekeel's that King Christian IX will celebrate his 60th birthday on September 26th, 1930, and that the Danish Post Office Department is planning a special set of stamps to mark the event.

ECUADOR

From the Economist Stamp Co. we have some very interesting news concerning this country. The recently chronicled Mendez air set of three high values is even scarcer than previously indicated. Five thousand of each value were printed. Of these one thousand of each never reached the public as they went to the government archives and to the Postal Union at Berne. Hence just 4,000 of each are available to collectors. These commemorate the name of the aviator Mendez who made the flight on June 4th from Bogota to Quito, which in turn commemorated the 100th anniversary of the death of the great liberator Grand Marshall Ayacucho Antonio Jose de Sucre, one of the great characters in South American history.

The original official stamps on which these surcharges were made are now known to be very scarce also. Just 10,000 of these three values were ever printed. Of these 500 were retained by the government and 5,000 overprinted as mentioned, leaving just 4,500 for public issuance. A very short-lived issue.

The coming commemorative series marking the centenary of the republic will be printed in taille-douce by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., of London. They will be in two colors and are expected to be very beautiful.

For those interested in statistics (and who is not, when they concern stamps?) we have some pertinent figures on the actual number sold of the 1928 special delivery stamps (No. 651-5). These were found too fragile for that work and remainders were recently destroyed by the government. Counting out those retained by government archives and those destroyed, the total numbers actually sold are:

2c	2,989
5c	2,785
10c	2,353
10c (Inverted surcharge)	46
20c	2,795
50c	2,379

Scott's quotations are of course completely nullified by these figures, as these stamps are now comparatively rare.

ESTONIA

Lesgor & Reel report the recent issuance of three provisional surcharges in the following quantities:

A-14 1 kr on 70m	100,000
A-13 2 kr on 300m	50,000
A-13 3 kr on 300m	50,000

GERMANY

Whitfield King & Co. report that on June 30th the 8pf and 15pf postage stamps of the current issue were overprinted "30. Juni 1930" to commemorate the evacuation of the Rhineland by foreign troops on that date.

Mekeel's also have a report to the effect that future printings of the 10 and 20pf officials will be in the new colors adopted for the corresponding postage values. The 20pf silver gray has probably been issued by now, while the 10pf purple is due to appear by the end of July.

From the same source we learn that the postage series of 1924, Scott's No. 330-338 will be demonitized on July 31st. The corresponding Officials (No. 605-613) will remain in use until further notice.

GUATAMALA

Whitfield King & Co. have received all values of the new permanent air post series. Design is the same as chronicled here on July 5th. The values are 6, 19, 27, 36, 45 and 49 centavos.

HONDURAS

Elliott M. Walton sends for inspection one of the recent provisional airs, No. 429. Just 250 of these were issued. They also submit a vertical pair, imperforate between of this same stamp, Type A-24, overprinted in blue: "Servicio aereo—Vale 5 centa—vos oro. —Mayo in four horizontal lines. They state that just ten such pairs exist. Certainly a rara avis even though unpopular.

INDIA

Walter Zorn of Monroe, Mich., has brought to our attention a most curious discrepancy in Scott's catalog which apparently has never been mentioned before.

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EDITORIALS

CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT Prior to this time, the Publication of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, as well as the supply business conducted under the name of LINPRINT and also the Printing and Publishing business of The W. M. Linn Sons Company of this city have been under the joint management of Edward R. Linn and George W. Linn. Edward R. Linn has retired from active interest in these various lines and George W. Linn is now sole manager of the different lines of business enumerated above.

While the business under the joint management of my brother and myself has always been conducted in an amiable manner and to the satisfaction of both parties concerned, I shall introduce a number of changes in method of operation and conducting the business and wish to make this announcement for the benefit of the many friends who will doubtless be pleased to learn of my acquisition of the entire business.

ADVERTISING ACCOUNTS The changes in our business as mentioned above necessitate considerable expense and the publishers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News will greatly appreciate an effort on the part of all those advertising patrons whose accounts are past due, to make every effort to catch up with their accounts. Several hundred dollars are needed at once, in order to meet obligations which this change in management incurs and it will be greatly appreciated if our advertising patrons will assist us by taking care of their past due accounts immediately.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS At a later date we shall make some announcements of interest to advertising patrons as well as other announcements that will interest our subscribers. Various things are being planned and just so soon as details are worked out, due announcement will be made.

THE TOLEDO PHILATELIC SOCIETY is busy with plans for entertaining the American Aero Philatelic Society in their first annual convention at Toledo, Ohio, on September 19th and 20th. We understand that arrangements are being made whereby every Air Mail Enthusiast will be welcome at the Convention.

GEORGE C. RHEINFRANK OF Pasadena, Calif., has recently moved his business into new quarters at 12 S. Euclid Ave. Mrs. Rheinfrank has been confined to a hospital for some time and since she has been acting as chief assistant to her husband he is mighty glad to have her back on the job again. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Rheinfrank, they employ two other clerks to handle the large volume of business which they are doing. Mr. Rheinfrank has contracted for regular space and we are glad to recommend him to our readers.

COVERS ARE AT HAND THIS week from Everett G. Emerson of Elkhart, Ind.; Franklin R. Kuhns, Allentown, Pa.; Mrs. R. E. Wallace, Washington, D. C., and numerous others.

CANCELLATION NUMBERS

The Chicago Post Office has 57 cancelling machines located in the main office, all of which have numbers except when slogans are in use. There are 51 cancelling machines located at postal stations all of which have the name in the postmark.

Harry R. Marlowe of Warren, Ohio, has nearly all of them in his collection. Some very scarce numbers are 46, 52, 56, 57.

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New Issues

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Scott's No. 48 and 59, listed as Type A-24, are not of that type at all. In fact there is no illustration of their design in the catalog. The central portion of both is the same as Type A-24 but the frame is that of Type A-36. I checked over my own copies and verified the fact. For thirty-eight years this error has gone apparently unnoticed.

LATVIA

Lesgor & Reel send us the complete air and postage sets of the much maligned Rainis commemoratives. Of these 5,000 sets of the imperforate postage were issued, 11,000 sets of the perforate; 10,000 sets of the imperforate airs and 20,000 sets perforated. But, and here is the joker, the day before they were issued a certain German dealer arrived and in some way persuaded the Latvian officials to sell him the entire issue with the exception of 500 sets.

These 500 sets were sold to the public in order that the issue might be legitimate (?). However, so strong a protest has been made by Latvian collectors that the issue is practically boycotted over there, to the extent that a reprinting is more than possible. The stamps are large in size and striking though rather garrish in appearance. Both air mail values are the same design. All watermarked multiple swastika (212).

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Perf. 11½

1 (2)s deep violet
2 (4)s orange yellow
4 (8)s deep green
6 (12)s yellow green and red brown
10 (20)s brown red
15 (30)s red brown and green

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Same values and colors

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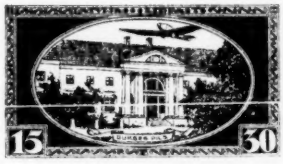

15 (30)s brown red and green
10 (20)s carmine red and grey green

Imperforate

Same values and colors

LEBANON

Economist Stamp Co. submits a new value in the definite "Republique Libanaise" set similar to Type A-2:

10 piastre olive green.

They also send us the new 5p air post stamp in deep blue green.

5 piastres deep blue green.

MEXICO

We have from the Economist Stamp Co. the 5c brown charity stamp of Type SP-4 overprinted in two vertical lines: HABILITADO —$0.01 in black.

NEW ZEALAND

Whitfield King & Co. report the issuance of the ½d postage due stamp, green and rose, Type D-2, in a new perforation, 14x14½.

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Foreign News

Air Mail Service from Basle, Switzerland, and also from Cologne, Germany, to Cherbourg, France, will be inaugurated soon, and these services are expected to save 24 to 48 hours, on mail from Switzerland and Germany to the United States.

India

Consular reports state that Air Mail service from Delhi, India, to Calcutta, India, will be opened by the end of October, 1930, and to Rangoon, somewhat later. It is not too early to start your covers.

South Africa

Union Airways is asking government support on four routes it hopes to inaugurate, viz.:

1. Cape Town to Port Elizabeth, via, George or Oudshoorn.
2. Port Elizabeth-Bloemfontein-Germiston.
3. Port Elizabeth-East London-Durban, via Grahamstown and Umtala.
4. Germiston to Durban, via New Castle, Ladysmith and Pietermaritzburg. Some of these may come along on short notice.

Canada

It is reported that McDonough, Limited, will soon put mail service from Cooking Lake into the MacKenzie River District and the Great Bear Lake District. These are meagre details but it is worth while for the reader to hunt into these things and get such covers. They are the rare birds.

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Graham Crash Mail

The finding of the mail plane in which Maury Graham crashed on January 10th, 1930, which was found on June 24th, brings forth crash covers of great sentimental value, and today's dispatches tell of the finding of the body of the pilot some five miles from his plane. The mail was found intact, appropriately stamped by the department and returned to senders and from various sources it appears that many of these covers will find their way into the collectors' albums.

Frank Goldsborough

Collectors the country over will mourn the accident of July 15th, in which Frank Goldsborough, the 19 year old pilot crashed into a mountain in Vermont, losing his life. I am very glad that I met the young man at Ashtabula, Ohio, on June 23rd, during the State Convention of Exchange Clubs, and had him autograph some covers for me. He was a very ambitious pilot and the holder of the Junior Trans-continental flight record.

Miscellaneous

The Flying Club of California will dedicate their Building on Sept. 13th, and the Glendale Stamp Club will sponsor a cachet for the event. Send covers to J. T. Nicholson, 516 South Pacific Ave., Glendale, Calif.

Mineral Wells, Texas, will dedicate early this fall, and likewise Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The dedication at Knoxville, Tenn., is set for Aug. 1-2. Send to C. of C.

Akron, Ohio

The Chamber of Commerce of Akron, Ohio, say they will sponsor a cachet for Air Mail on Aug. 30th, in commemoration of the visit of the members of the American Air Mail Society to the Hangar and Dock of the Goodyear-Zeppelin Co. All covers for this should be forwarded to Helen Schroeder, P. O. Box 225, North Canton, Ohio, through whose co-operation this cover was made possible. This will be an interesting tie-up with the AAMS Convention at Cleveland, Ohio.

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"The French aviator Henri Guillaumet of the Aeroposta Co. left Santiago on the morning of the 13th inst. (June) with mails to connect with the machine leaving Buenos Aires the same evening for Brazil and Europe and has not been heard from. The weather was so bad last week that NYRBA and Panagra avions did not attempt the crossing for several days. When Guillaumet left a snowstorm was raging in the Andes, and this week 20 machines have searched for him without result."—A. H. Davis.

"The first direct flight from Paraguay to U. S. A. via Buenos Aires was made on the 12th inst. (June). The mails were brought from Asuncion by the Aeroposta Argentina and transferred hereby to the Panagra route via the Pacific. The first plane with this mail left this city this morning. The total net weight of the mail was just under 4 pounds."—A. H. Davis.

This week's friends were: C. G. Clark, A. H. Davis, J. W. Stoutzenburg, M. F. McCamley, Theo. Nelson, G. A. Zimmerman, Felix Froneck, E. V. Sachtleben, Helen Schroeder, A. B. Stuart, G. F. Kane, G. B. Andrews and D. E. Dickason.

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Adjournment

Thursday P. M.

1:30 P. M.—Taking of the Convention group photograph.
2:00 P. M.—Visit to the American Antiquarian Society, where a special display will be shown, including the Society's copy of the Postmasters Millbury stamp on cover.

The balance of the afternoon and evening may be spent at the bourse room and the viewing of Auction lots.

FRIDAY

10:00 a. m. Business session
2:00 p. m. Continuance of business session if necessary
Entertainment
7:30 p. m. Ohlman's S. P. A. Auction Sale

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